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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON INFO USDAO SAIGON FROM AMCONSUL
NHA TRANG JULY 18, 1974, REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION. QUOTE:

NHA TRANG 0436

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SUBJECT: MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN KONTUM PROVINCE

REF: NHA TRANG 0427

1. OUR PROV REP REPORTS THAT ABF'S CONTINUE AGAINST ALL GVN
OUTPOSTS AND CP'S IN THE FIELD. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN AN INCREASE
IN THE NUMBER OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT INCIDENTS IN NORTH AND NORTHEAST
KONTUM.

2. MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTION INVOLVES AN ELEMENT OF THE ARVN
1ST BN OF THE 44TH REGT, IN THE VICINITY OF AR 862997. IT IS JUST
NOW (JULY 18) BEING REPORTED BY SECTOR THAT ITS POSITION WAS
OVERRUN AND ABANDONED JULY 15. THE BN COMMANDER WAS SERIOUSLY
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WOUNDED IN THE BATTLE, AND IS NOW ASSUMED KIA OR MIA. ACCORDING

TO SECTOR BETWEEN JULY 15-17 57 MIA'S FROM THE 1ST BN SHOWED UP AT OP 5, SOUTH OF THE INITIAL ACTION. OP 5 RECEIVED AN ESTIMATED 150 MORTAR AND ARTILLERY ROUNDS JULY 15-17, AND A MAJOR GROUND ENGAGEMENT IS NOW BEING FOUGHT THERE. EXACT CASUALTY FIGURES ARE NOT AVAILABLE BECAUSE RADIO CONTACT KEEPS GETTING BROKEN, BUT IS KNOWN THAT CASUALTIES ARE HEAVY. IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO PERFORM MEDEVAC'S (UPWARDS OF 30 ARE KNOWN TO BE NEEDED) BECAUSE OF THE FIERCE FIGHTING.

3. SECTOR INTELLIGENCE REPORTS THAT THE HQ OF NVA 95-BRAVO REGT (LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF AR 984761) IS MOVING. THE DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT IS UNKNOWN, BUT SECTOR BELIEVES IT COULD BE TOWARD QL-14 AND THE CHU PAO PASS. SIGNED SPEAR. UNQUOTE LEHMANN

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